## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: Method for Analysing a Tissue Sample

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION WITH RCE

SIR:

## PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of September 30, 2010. Please charge our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount of \$555.00 (small entity) in payment of the government fee for a three-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to March 30, 2010. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

## RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2010, and filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

 $\label{lem:Amendments} \textbf{Amendments to the Claims} \ \text{are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3}$  of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.